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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR TRANSFORMING A PICTURE AREA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please REPLACE the pending specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please REPLACE the originally filed Abstract with the enclosed Substitute Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter claimed therein and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

15. A method for transforming a picture area, comprising:

carrying out a vertical transformation of the picture area and a horizontal transformation of the picture area in an order determined as follows

if the picture area is present in a line interlacing method, firstly the horizontal and then the vertical transformation is carried out, and

otherwise one of the horizontal and vertical transformation is selected to be carried out first for whichever a correlation of pixels of the picture area is stronger.